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Philadelphia, Thursday, October 5, 1916.

Life is short to the fortunate, long to the unfortunate.—Apollonius.

Raising the tax in Philadelphia is simply raising Cain.

It appears that Manager McGraw is subject to considerable criticism because he would not shut his eyes.

Why all this fuss about the Colonel shaking tags' hand? Did he not shake him—hands, legs and all—some four years ago?

France about to call 1918 class to the colors.—Headline.

The 1920 class in America is already wearing the green.

Ambassador Gerard coming to America for a rest.—Headline.

From the exhausting labors of reading the President's notes to the German Foreign Secretary?

Frank Munsey, in Paris, predicts prohibition for the United States within ten years. But he, and others with the price, can go to Paris when they are thirsty.

John J. McDevitt is to nominate J. J. McDevitt for the presidency in this city next Monday. We seem to recall that something like this occurred in St. Louis in June.

Champ Clark, who urges the reelection of Mr. Wilson on the ground that one good turn deserves another, forgets the contrary declaration of the Baltimore platform.

The Department of Agriculture has taken steps to prosecute dealers who soak grain, but it would be more interesting if it could soak the dealers who are trying to soak the public.

The President is to talk today at the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Nebraska Constitution, but it is dollars to doughnuts that he will not say anything about the State's most distinguished citizen.

When one compares the Democratic performance with the platform promises of 1912, one cannot help remembering Chauncey Depew's famous remark that a platform is made to get in on and not to stand on.

President Emeritus Eliot of Harvard, who believes that a man can get an education in four years, naturally revised his judgment of 1912, when he said the Government was in charge of amateurs and concludes that they have been in school long enough to learn their lessons.

Twenty-five million dollars have been invested in new factories in Philadelphia in the last nine months, but what business will there be for them if we have a Congress committed to opening the doors of America to the manufacturers of other countries?

How great a panic seized the average community when infantile paralysis began to spread is indicated by the fact that even now five thousand parents refuse to allow their children to go to school, in spite of the fact that there is less danger than in a trolley car, as the health authorities assure them. It is a bad thing to teach a boy or girl to be timid, and when there is no excuse for timidly such precaution does more harm than good.

It is no mere idle curiosity, this talk of how long the war is likely to last. It was solemnly debated at the annual meeting of the Lake Superior stockholders in Camden as to whether six, eight or ten months must elapse before the great war ends the corporation is enjoying will be no more. Somebody suggested that the net earnings in three months were \$7,000,000, and even if that were exaggerated the remark is typical of the speculative note to which our industry now vibrates. It must not be forgotten that, though it will take months to adjust the peace, it will take only one flash of the wireless to stop the war orders, which will send abruptly long before the armies leave the field. Fortunate will be the inventor and workers who are engaged in permanent industries.

What the war business has meant to America is indicated by the report of the New York Clearing House for the year ending last Saturday. The total transactions of the Clearing House reached the stupendous amount of a hundred and fifty-five billion dollars. For the preceding year they were a little less than ninety-one billion. The amount for the whole country in 1912 was only one hundred and sixty-eight billion, or only thirty-three billion more than for New York alone this year.

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Tom Daly's Column

JOY IN DEFEAT
The baseball season's done at last
And that our town club lost the lead
For now all talk of it is past.

Oh if you lived with us my dear
You'd quickly know how great a bother
Such talking is for there are here
So many boys including Father.

For in the season every day
It jars a lady's ears who harks
To all these silly things they say
Here printed in quotation marks

"Big Alexander stymied them"
"He mashed in the hole"
"That put of Cravath's was a gem"
"Hi hit the pennant pole"

"They beat the Brooklyn seven up"
"He took his creak and sunk her"
"Their medal score will win the cup"
"His home run hit the bunker."

I certainly am glad indeed
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WHY DEMOCRACY OBJECTS TO A "HAMMER" CAMPAIGN



P. R. T. HAS NO OPTION

Michael J. Ryan, When City Solicitor, Advised Department of City Transit That P. R. T. Has No Prior Rights in the Case of Municipally Owned Lines

In view of the doubt which seems to exist in certain quarters about the rights of the city in the matter of the construction and operation of new rapid transit lines, the Evening Ledger prints the legal opinion which A. Merritt Taylor obtained from Michael J. Ryan when both gentlemen were in the service of the city.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

May 11, 1915.

In re building of subway on Broad street and elevated on Frankford avenue.

A. Merritt Taylor, Esq., Director, Department of City Transit, Bourse Building, Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:—I have received your letter of the 10th instant in reference to an ordinance which has been introduced in Council to authorize an increase of the indebtedness of the city of six million (\$6,000,000) dollars for the construction of a subway in Broad street and an elevated railway from Front and Arch streets to Rhawn street, and asking three questions with reference to the general subject connected with such ordinance.

You ask:

1. "Is the city obliged to offer the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company the right to build the Frankford elevated line, as provided in Article III of the contract of 1907, before undertaking the construction thereof as a municipality?"

I answer: When the ordinance and contract of 1907 were passed and executed the city was without the power to build subways, elevated railways or other lines of transportation, and such ordinance and contract were drawn with that fact necessarily in view. By Section 7 thereof the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company surrendered its right to build a subway in Broad street and its right to construct the Frankford elevated railway was confirmed, the time for the building thereof being extended to three years from June 1, 1907. That period has expired and the independent right of the transit company to build the Frankford elevated line has therefore lapsed.

Section 3 of the contract and ordinance of July 1, 1907, provided that if in the future Council should, either of its own initiative or upon petition, determine that new lines of surface, elevated or underground railway should be constructed, it should by ordinance determine the route of such line and the terms and conditions under which it should be built, financed and operated, and the transit company should thereupon have ninety days within which to accept the plan so defined, and certain terms and conditions governing the construction and operation of such new lines are there set forth. For instance, it is provided that any rights acquired by the company under the third section should be subject to all the terms and conditions of the contract with respect to a voice in the management, supervision of accounts, division of profits and the ultimate requirement of the roads by the city, and provision is made for the raising of capital for building these new lines by means of bond issues or by increase of the capital stock of the company, but if the said Rapid Transit Company did not accept the plan so defined within the said ninety days, then and in that event the proposition might be made to any other company.

These provisions clearly indicate that the right to construct new lines, which it was intended by the 1907 agreement the city was to barter away, is manifestly only the right which the city at that time possessed, namely, the right to have lines of railway built by companies possessing the charter powers to construct them and of course could not relate to lines which the city might itself build, for at that time it had no legal authority so to do.

By later legislation, that is to say the act of June 11, 1915 (P. L. 127), is to say

What Do You Know?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

1. Kansas is south of Nebraska.

2. Hard woods: Oak, walnut, elm, ash, birch, mahogany. Soft woods: Pine, spruce, fir, cedar.

3. Heistler, the Swiss.

4. Charles Reade (1814-84) wrote "The Cloister and the Hearth."

5. Tonight the tender or sensitive fish below the skin, especially the malle; the tender part of sound where healthy tissue breaks down into pus, flexible and virtually impermeable.

6. Leather: skin of an animal treated so as to be strong, flexible and virtually impermeable.

7. W. Barclay Parsons, a civil engineer of New York.

8. Splinter: splinter down along surface of the sea.

9. "The Hammer" of the reconstruction period. Thaddeus Stevens.

10. "Holt with his own petard"; blown up by his own bomb.

Kings in Business

S. P.—No kings can properly be considered as being in business, though of course the private investments of nearly all monarchs involve business enterprises and profits. The silly allusions in the German press to the "harber king" are explained by the fact that the King of the Netherlands is the owner of a barber shop as well as of a patent medicine. But he can point the finger of mockery at the Austrian Emperor, who runs a deft factory. The latest German field marshal, the King of Wurtemberg, was described in one of the French papers as "the proprietor of two hotels."

Champions

A. S. O.—The Phillies, having won the pennant in 1915, have been called the "champions" this year. Next year Brooklyn will be called "the champions" by virtue of winning the pennant this year.

Jurisdiction of Voter

M. C.—If you have been properly registered by the division of elections, it is not necessary for any one to introduce you to the judge of elections in order that you may vote. If you feel that you may be challenged, however, it might be advisable to be accompanied by a friend known to the officials.

War Prophecy

N. M.—It is true that at the beginning of the war a great many absurd claims were made on behalf of various prophets who were said to have foretold "The Wrath of the Storm," dismiss all these prophecies as worthless except two. One of these is the prophecy of Father Jean Baptiste Wanneau, Cures d'Als, a very saintly priest, who died in 1859. After prophesying the War of 1870 he went on to forecast a further Franco-German struggle. His prophecy, as it was published in an 1872 text, reads: "The enemies will go altogether; they will return again and destroy everything upon their passage; we shall not resist them, but will allow them to advance; and after that, they will suffer great losses. They will retreat to us and we will follow them; we shall follow them home. Then we shall take back all that they took from us and much more. As for the date of the war referred to, it is stated in the following striking sentences: "They will want to cannibalize me, but there will be time." "Now," comments M. Mactierloch, "the preliminaries to the organization of the Cures d'Als were begun in July, 1914, but abandoned because of the war."

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

The "open door" in the Orient, guarded by Japanese soldiers, might as well be shut. It is mere ventilation, an invitation to nobody. Truths are rarely told by diplomats. —Brooklyn Eagle.

The phrase "President Wilson kept us out of war" tells the truth, but not all the truth. To be exact, it should read: "President Wilson kept us out of war with Germany and her allies." —Chicago Journal.

A friendly adjustment was never yet met between men whose tongues were foreign and depended on interpreters. Nor do we believe that we will ever get "what is coming to us" unless we allow that South America is one of those white man's countries that is worth while. —Louisville Herald.

The controversy between the trainmen and the railroads that led to the enactment of the Adamson law has demonstrated the worthlessness of the Erdman conciliation law, under which an attempt to negotiate a harmonious settlement of the labor difference was made by the Federal Mediation Board. —Indianapolis News.

The Ku Klux saved civilization in America; more particularly, of course, it saved it in the South; but if the South had been permitted to rot, the decay would have spread to the rest of the country and the United States would have been today a deadland instead of a progressive nation, a nation of mongrel blood, without ideals, without aspirations. —Nashville Tennessean.

A FRIEND

When I have said my last farewell
And bade my world good-night,
What will they think of me and tell
Who linger in the light?
O heart, be faithful; heart be true,
And love be deep and strong,
However time stands still with you,
Your day can not be long.
I hope that they will smile and say,
"His was no true a friend,
That friend and lovers all the way
Were with him to the end."
I hope that they will only tell
This thing, and speak aright,
When I have said my last farewell
And bade my world good-night.
—St. Louis Post-Dispatch

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